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### THREE LITTLE WORDS

Many who correspond with us and receive our magazines have undoubtedly noticed that we sometimes make our own envelopes from scrap paper and reuse envelopes sent to us. We use home made post cards made from all manner of products.

This is not only to save expense, because it does, but it is also an effort to keep those materials out of landfills and incinerators as long as possible. The more we reduce, reuse and recycle, the kinder we are to our Blessed Mother, The Bearer Of Our Lives.

We are beginning slowly, to awaken to the harm we are doing Her, and beginning to treat her in a much gentler way. We hope all our friends out there will join us in our efforts. Little things don't seem like much, but if they're added together across the country or, around a world, they add up.

Let's make those three wonderful words a deeply held part of our social conscious. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

### SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE

The Spirit World is greatly opposed to the recently passed NAFTA treaty. You'd think the Spirits in Mexico would think it's a good deal, but they don't. They can see the lines of possibility and have a pretty good idea what's going to happen in the not too distant future. The Mexican people will begin to realize that they are being used as virtual slave labor by the North American companies. They will begin to see that these companies are poisoning their land and water. So many children will be dying of cancer that the people will begin to rise up against their corrupt government.

The Mexican government won't be able to keep control. American troops will have to be sent in to protect the interest of American companies. Mexican terrorist groups, in retaliation, will strike deep into The United States. One or two rebellions will be put down but finally, after much loss of life on both sides the weary American troops will be brought home. The Mexican government, unable to stand without American support will collapse. The new government will be very hostile to The United States. Trade will plummet, and The United States will find itself isolated in its own hemisphere.

The hostility against The United States will spread into other South American countries, and decades of strife will ensue. This may sound like an insane possibility but it's already happened several times around the world. We cannot solve our problems by taking advantage of other people. If we're going to send our jobs to Mexico we have to make sure we are being fair to The Mexican people. If we don't, somewhere in the future we'll be wishing we had!

### A SPIRITIST SPEAKS ABOUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

By; Rev. Speaker Gerald A. Polley

The Ten Commandments was a list of Divine Laws given by The Prophet Moses to The People Of Israel. How do they relate to The Spiritist Religion? Wise Counsel, no matter what its Source, is always beneficial. As expressions of Infinite Law, The Ten Commandments are, or should be important to ALL religions. Let us take them one at a time.

1. Thou shalt have no other God before me.

Though a Spiritist does not believe in a creative God, that Infinite Law has a personality, still, nothing should be put before Infinite Law....not self, family, or state. Infinite Law must be followed or pain and distress will come to the person that ignores its simple truths. So when a Spiritist defines God as Infinite Law, this Commandment is as important to them as it is to The Hebrews.

2. Thou shalt make unto thee no graven images. Thou shalt not bow down and worship them, for The Lord, Thy God, is a jealous God.

In ancient days there was a God for everything. The people mistakenly believed that you could do almost anything, and by making sacrifice to this God or that God you would be free of any debt. Many people did great evil thinking their God would protect them, and learned only too late that nothing is more powerful than Infinite Law. This verse does NOT refer to legitimate religious symbols. The Hebrews had their own images, symbols of their God. What is actually being referred to here, is a warning to the people not to violate Infinite Law for there is no other force that can match its power. This is advice just as good today as it was in those Ancient Times.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord Thy God in vain.

Now this verse is actually referring to two different things- speaking false oaths, and using sacred names in every day conversation in a profane or disrespectful manner. Not only should one not do this with their own Lords, they should also not do it with The Lords of others. The Names of all Blessed Teachers, to The Spiritists, are sacred, and not to be used in a disrespectful or profane manner, but should be held in the deepest regard.

4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

Now with The Spiritists who follow a different time system than the Hebrew Peoples that had a five day week, and who worshipped every other Sacred Day, or, Fifth Day, this commandment is a little far afield. But The Spiritists too, believe there should be, from time to time, days of rest and worship. And the verse does actually have some meaning for them. They find it sad that modern society no longer sets aside a day for worship and rest, when all businesses are closed and travel kept at a minimum. Many think it would be best to return to such a tradition, so that the land and the people have a time to refresh themselves.

5. Honor thy mother and thy father.

Now, here is a verse that NO religion that IS a religion can argue with....The Spiritists, especially, for not only do they honor their living parents, but all Those Who Have Come

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## THE SPIRITS SPEAK

This is an interview with the Spirit of Mordred, illegitimate son of Arthur, King of England. Questions are asked by Rev. Speaker Linda J. Polley and the answers are channeled through Rev. Speaker Gerald A. Polley.

1. We will begin by asking a question that has deeply troubled me over the years. Did Arthur really try the King Herod bit and gather all the children of your age and try to drown them?

A. Of course not! How such a ridiculous story got started I don't know. At first Arthur was pleased at my birth. It was only in later years that he turned cold to my mother and myself.

2. If you and Arthur were at odds, why did he leave you as regent when he went off to war?

A. Because at that time we were NOT at odds. It was only through my blundering while he was away, that bitterness arose between us.

3. Why did you betray Guinevere and her lover?

A. How was I to know my father sanctioned the relationship between his wife and another man? How was I to know that they had even to bed in his presence? I thought I was protecting my father's honor. It never occurred to me that my actions would turn him against me with great bitterness.

4. Did you actually produce false letters claiming your father's death and attempt to seize the throne?

A. No. My father's actions after I seized Guinevere enraged the other knights, and they insisted I take the throne and rise against Arthur. This deeply disturbed me, but I was caught in circumstance, carried along by the flood of events, and could not take another course.

5. Why were you so against Arthur?

A. Again, I was NOT AGAINST ARTHUR, only the actions he took. All I wanted from Arthur was my birthright, for him to recognize me as his heir and give my mother the courtesy to which she should have been entitled. In all my fondest hopes I only wanted to be known as Arthur's son. I am still bewildered as to how things went so awry. Even to this day it does not seem possible that things could have ended as they did, that the anger between us could have risen to such a state that father and son finally slew each other! Blood shedding the blood of one's own is a horrid way to end one's life. It took us some time in the next life to console our differences and again be at peace with one another.

6. Was your mother a witch and were you psychic?

A. I do not like the term 'witch,' not as it is used in your era. My mother was a well known Healer and midwife, and had the Sight. But she had no connection with The Old Ways, with The People Of The Forest. No. I did not have the Sight. If only Providence had granted it, and I could have foreseen what was coming, but Destiny to me, was very cruel.

7. As we have so few questions for you at this time, will you be available to answer questions at a later date?

A. Yes. Most certainly! As you have been so kind as to express my views on the happenings of

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my age I will be more than glad to come back at a future time and answer any more questions your good readers might have. I find your work among mankind most interesting but often find myself wondering why you bother.

9. One final question before you go. In our last issue Queen Victoria stated she did not believe the sons of Princess Di should inherit the throne if she is divorced from her husband. What is YOUR opinion on the matter?

A. I am in total disagreement with Her Majesty. The heir should be the first born. What difference does a ceremony performed by a foolish man in silly robes make? The only question to ascendancy should be whose blood flows in one's veins. Perhaps I am a bit prejudiced on this issue, but this has always been, and will always be my opinion on the subject. Let the lads have their birthright and God take the Souls of any man that would interfere with what is right and good!

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Our next interview will be with the Spirit of Saint Theresa Of The Little Flower, one of the more modern saints. If you have any questions for her, feel free to send them in any time. Also, we welcome questions for Spirits previously interviewed. If you'd like a list of these, kindly send return postage. Any suggestions for future interviews are welcome.

Our Babe Ruth interview kept getting the same question- who was Babe Ruth's favorite baseball player? It seems like a simple question but The Babe loves everyone that ever played baseball, and he did not want to say he had a favorite as he felt this would be a disappointment to all of his other friends. So he refused constantly to give an answer, which made things quite difficult for me doing radio interviews.

I'm caught between two fires; the people in the material world that want answers to every question they ask, rather it is embarrassing or not, from those in The Spirit Realm. I try whenever I can, to fill both sides, to give everybody what they want, but sometimes it's impossible and I have to come down on the side of those that deserve a little privacy.

Those in Spirit tend to respect the feelings of others a little bit more than do the people in the material world. So when someone says I would rather not say this or that, I respect their wishes, I understand their feelings. Some can open up, give everything they have willingly and easily, others want to hold back just a little, and if we have a conscious, if we have feelings, we understand and respect Their wishes, even if it doesn't give us exactly what we want or causes us a little difficulty. For all that we are given from others we can endure a little bit to give something back to Them. For everything there is a price, and if we have honor we are willing to pay the price.

I have rambled on and perhaps repeated myself but I hope, I pray our friends out there on both sides of The Veil Of Tears can understand what I am trying to say. Let us respect one another's wishes, receive what the other is willing to give with gratitude and praise. So must it be.



Before. A Spiritist lives a good and decent life because he or she wishes to bring no shame on their Fathers and Their Mothers. As long as one is living with one's parents, no matter what their age, they should honor their wishes as much as it is humanly possible to do so, but this does not mean that one should allow parents to abuse and mistreat them and say nothing. Honor goes both ways. Children should honor their parents, but parents should also honor their children, remembering that children are human beings, not property.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

This is a very badly translated verse, and much misunderstood. It would much better read 'Thou shalt not murder,' with the definition of murder being 'the unwarranted and unjust taking of a life.' This verse does not mean that one cannot take a life in the defense of oneself, one's family, or one's property, or that animals cannot be mercifully slain for food, or, that criminals who have committed heinous crimes cannot be executed. What it DOES mean is that no person has a right to take life without a just reason. All those that do will pay a terrible price.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Now what is adultery? Adultery is a violation of the marriage contract which states that the parties signing will be faithful to one another, and have no sexual relations with any other.

Now, Spiritists consider this verse sound. Though in Ancient Times a husband may have had more than one wife, this was only with the consent of the wives, and not considered a violation of the marriage contract. To a Spiritist a contract is sacred. The giving of one's word is so binding that to break it puts one at the mercy of the other party. That they can demand all one owns in restitution. Therefore, a Spiritist can only be in agreement with this verse. The only circumstances under which such a vow could be broken with honor, would be if the vow was made under threat to the safety of the individual involved, or, their family.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

Now here is a verse that takes little discussion. For any decent people one has to be in total agreement. There is no justifiable excuse to take what belongs to another.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Again, there is little to discuss in this verse. In any society bearing false witness is the most heinous of crimes. To the Spiritist bearing false witness in some situations is worthy of death, truth being so sacred to them.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's property.

Here, again, is good advice. One should not seek after what belongs to another. To look with envy upon what others have and to long for it may blind you to the treasures that you, yourself, possess, and take away the joy that should be yours. So here, again, is advice that's good for any people.

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By; Rev. Speaker Linda J. Polley

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QUEEN VICTORIA QUESTIONS  
Part 2

22. Was Prince Albert illegitimate as some people thought?

A. As he was so unlike his relatives in manner and attitude I often wondered this myself. Though he steadfastly denied any such accusation it gave me wonder. Even his mother, blessed woman, would only giggle when asked.

23. Why did you love Prince Albert so much?

A. Because he was a man as interested in giving pleasure as he was having it. He was not complete unless he was pleasing the one he was with and he was a man that did not want to lie about for pleasure. He had to be doing something that was of benefit to others. These things endeared him to me. Men before him had been a thing to fear, even the most charming and delightful ones. But with Albert I could be at peace, for he desired nothing of me that I was not willing to give. Therefore I gave everything I had joyfully, fully.

24. Did you really feel as bad about childbirth as you wrote in your journals?

A. Another lady once told me that childbirth was the most glorious of all pain. I was very glad, however, when the means was available to lessen that pain. I carried well, but I brought forth with difficulty and this was not to my liking.

25. Did you really dislike nursing your children?

A. The sad truth is I was incapable of nursing which nearly broke my heart. All that came from my breasts was a yellowish fluid that the doctors dared not let the children partake of. This was kept secret for fear the public would consider me unhealthy.

26. Was Prince Albert justifiably jealous of your governess Lehzen? Were his efforts to break her influence over you justified?

A. The problem with my dearest Lehzen was more MY fault than anyone else's. It was hard for one to give up the habits of youth and to realize that there cannot be more than one master in a house. If I had put my foot down and insisted to my dearest Lehzen that she was to obey my husband's wishes, there would have been no discourse between them. But I mistakenly tried to abide by BOTH their wishes. This left Albert no choice. As was right and proper he had to establish his authority. He did so with great determination, which was to his credit.

27. Do you feel your education as a youth was insufficient? Did Prince Albert do a better job after your marriage?

A. It is hard to put this into words. I will make an effort. The education of my youth was quite sufficient for what it was intended for. Actually, moreso, but Albert intended much more for me, so broadened my field of view and gave me a deeper and more enjoyable understanding of the world. His greatest advice to me was "My dearest, you are the Queen. You may read what you wish!" I followed his advice fully!

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The world lost a good friend the other day, with the death of Gary Moore, a kind hearted comedian and entertainer who I am proud to say I once had the opportunity to meet as a young man when I was hitchhiking from Ellsworth to Bar Harbor, Maine. It is a delightful treat for a young man to sit and talk with a great television personality and to find he is just as nice in person as he is on television. It is sad that many are not. A commentator recently said that the best thing about Moore's humor was that it never hurt anyone. If only those entertaining today could learn his philosophy! Moore's parting words were always "Be kind to one another." We'll try, Gary, we really will!

DECEMBER 24, 1993  
CHRISTMAS EVE

Tonight a friend was called Home. He has gone on to that Mansion that has been prepared for him. In the 95 years of his life he has spent most of them striving to teach people that they aren't nothing, that if they think well of themselves and strive for goodness they can be anything and do anything.

When I first began my work the writings of Norman Vincent Peale inspired me, and I realized they were adaptable to every religion, to every philosophy that stood for Light and Truth. Only those that strived to enslave the minds of their followers to control their wills feared the teachings of Rev. Peale. Those who desired to have people reach within themselves and find their own Glory and their own strength and add it to a just and honorable society had nothing to fear from Peale's teachings.

He has gone on to his well deserved Reward, but he has left behind many friends, many followers who are stronger and wiser and better because he passed this way. That that you have made, Norman, will live forever. So always must it be.

DECEMBER 28, 1993

Anyone who has ever read "The Rise And Fall Of The Third Reich" knows what William Shirer has left the world; an account of history that few others could accomplish, an account that has opened the eyes of many to the inhumanity of mankind.

In the Dark Ages of The United States called The McCarthy era, an attempt was made to blacklist this great man, but he would not be silenced and the world will be a better place because he was not. May there be those who will follow in William Shirer's footsteps, for if they do they will climb to great and wondrous heights.

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LAWS OF THE OLD WORLDS  
Part 2  
RAPE

The Hashon definition of rape was 'the forcible sexual entry of a male into someone else without their consent.' The penalty was surgical castration, and, life in punishment.

If the rape was of a man by a man, the sentence was death by beheading, with no mercy for confession. All the person's property was seized and was used to support their victim for the rest of their lives.

In The Holy Godden Empire rape carried the penalty of death by burning, though the High Born and members of The God Family were rarely charged with this crime. Not that they didn't do it often, but the common people often paid a high price for making such accusations.

Witnesses could disappear before the person of importance was ever brought to trial. Next time, THEFT.

ENTERTAINMENT ON THE OLD WORLDS

The other day we gave up our cable because we simply could not afford it this winter, and I got to thinking about entertainment on The Old Worlds, which I must say was far different from on Earth. The Hashons and The Peepians had a very free broadcasting system. Licensed stations could operate in any locality, as long as there was a public need for their services.

No such freedom existed, however, in The Holy Godden Empire. There, each community was only allowed three radio stations and two television stations. There were separate frequencies for the news services which covered the local area, what we would consider the national area, and, the world.

The Hashons and The Peepians allowed a great deal of variety. There were drama shows, documentaries, and comedy entertainment, much as exists on Earth. But in The Empire things were strictly controlled. All entertainment had to have a perceived educational value. All movies had to have a historical base. All music had to be uplifting and what was considered morally acceptable.

The people of Earth take the great diversity of their entertainment options far too much for granted. They just do not seem to realize the privilege they have with their vast mostly free and open entertainment opportunities. Others would dearly love to have had what they take so much for granted.

FIRST VISITORS TO AMERICA

Reading some information that seemed to imply Vikings once had settlements on the North American continent, we decided to inquire of the Vikings of that era if such settlements actually existed.

The answer I was given was that yes, Viking travelers DID reach the North American coast in several places, but these usually ended up in one-way trips, where the men landed, got involved with the native populations and somehow forgot about returning home! Some wandered far inland, leaving their seed, so to speak as they went. But no TRUE Norse settlements could be claimed for North America, only on a couple of occasions did ships return, but those they told about the lands did not bother with them.

HOW DID THE ONES OF THE OLD WORLDS  
BURY THEIR DEAD?

The Spiritists and The Goddens had far different ideas of the usefulness of the body after death. The Spiritists believed that once the person died, the old body was useless, and should be destroyed as soon as possible to free the person from any bonds with the material world. So it was their custom to cremate their dead. The ashes of dead Ancestors, however, were still considered sacred and powerful, and were usually kept in urns on the family's Sacred Ground.

Disturbing the Dead was a serious crime, punishable by long periods of punishment.

When a person had really done great works for their community it was traditional for a spoonful of their ashes to be added to the Sacred Urns kept in The Temple. This was considered the greatest of all honors.

The Goddens, however, believed that the body must be preserved in order for the Soul to have a resting place between its Spiritual journeys so they went to incredible efforts to preserve the bodies. Their embalming techniques were so good that the bodies would stay in almost perfect condition for thousands of years.

The greatest part of an offender's punishment was not only to be executed, but for their body to be left in the open to be eaten by the creatures of the field and the birds of the air. This was the greatest of all punishments.

IMAGINATION'S PLACE  
FICTION

THE UNINVITED GUEST

By; Rev. Speaker Gerald A. Polley

FOR THE ANCIENT ONE HUNTING HAD NOT BEEN GOOD FOR A LONG TIME. Though he rode the ectoplasmic winds every night The Dark Ones sensed his presence, sensed the coming of The New Way, and hid themselves deeper and deeper in the shadows, making their followers more and more careful to avoid the one hunting. So one evening as he soared above the clouds enjoying for a few moments the shining stars and the quiet of the night, far away from the noise of men, he was delighted to hear a familiar woman's voice calling one of his Ancient Names, and he turned to see a woman of exceptional beauty rising towards him.

"Hail Mary," he cried "full of grace, holy art thou among...."

"Dimetrious!" the woman cried, "Stop that! You know how I hate that awful thing! Behave yourself! I have a mission for you, and I must give it and depart quickly for my physical form is even weaker than yours."

"What will you have me do, Mother Of Joy?" The Ancient One asked.

"A child praying to me," his companion answered, "has made me aware of some of those that shed blood, that who, in their ignorance profane The Names of Your Blessed Fathers. I could dispatch you and give you the power of her love with which to destroy them, but first, beloved friend of my Son, you must give me your word that you will not simply dispatch them to The Darkness and The Second Death, but with the Power you possess you will give them the opportunity to live and to atone for the wrongs they have done. Give me your word on this, Son Of

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The Thunder & The Lightning and I will give you the silver cord that will lead you to those you seek."

The Ancient One stared at his old friend. "You torment me, dear Lady," he finally uttered, "you know it is my greatest joy to destroy these utterly and completely- to let their sparks pass from eternity. But if you wish they be given kindness I will abide by your wishes on behalf of the friendship that has long been ours."

The woman smiled. "Of all the star's children," she sighed, "you, dear Dimetrious, I love the most. If only you could reconcile your differences with The Lord Of Heaven and again be one! But I know I speak foolish desires." She held out her hand and a shimmering silver thread appeared by it almost invisible, but The Ancient One saw it and took it. "One more thing," his companion remarked, "this thread belongs to Catherine. Her parents make her be a part of this sickness, but it is not in her heart. She is not to be yours. She belongs to Our House. But that is not saying that you cannot be friends."

The Ancient One smiled and in an instant was off. Following the thread across the sky he came to a pleasant New England community located on an island connected to the mainland by a narrow peninsula. The thread led him to an old church, obviously long abandoned. Entering through the steeple The Ancient One watched what was happening below. A dozen people danced around a large table crying over and over again, "Hail, Satan! Hail The Lord Of Darkness! Hail The Giver of Eternal Life!" This went on for some time, then a thirteenth person entered dressed in black robes wearing a hideous mask. "Satan demands his sacrifice! Bring her forth and let all present greet her!" he cried.

Two men disappeared and a few minutes later returned with a naked young girl who struggled between them. One by one each member of the group came up to the girl, cried "Hail, Satan!", fondled and kissed her. Finally they tied her to the table and the leader climbed onto it. "Satan, my master!" he cried, "I violate this child, that you may devour her innocence, that you may drink of her youth. And as we drink her blood return her youth to us."

The Ancient One had had enough. He descended to the floor and materialized. "I don't think so!" he snapped. Reaching out he grabbed something, and ripped it off. The man on the table screamed, fell off, and began to roll back and forth on the floor weeping like a child. His startled companions fled in all directions.

"Where do you think YOU'RE going?" The Ancient One screamed. "Where do you think you can hide? How long do you think it would be before I overtook you and broke your worthless necks?" Everyone stopped in their tracks, slowly turned and came back, terror in their faces. The Ancient One went around the table, holding out what he had taken from the man. "Do you want this back?" he asked.

"Master," the man wept, "I have always served you. How have I offended you?"

"That you breathe offends me," The Ancient One answered. "That in your ignorance you mistake me for a thing of The Darkness enrages me. But as The Mother Of Mercy has made me promise I will give you the chance for eternal life. I must obey her wishes. If you will obey me for 100 years, if you will follow The Light instead of The Darkness I will give this back to you though

you do not deserve it. I grow weary. Give me an answer."

"I will serve you!" the man muttered. "I am yours. Please! It hurts!"

The Ancient One knelt down and with The Blue Light of Healing returned what he had taken. When he was done, he realized he'd got it a little crooked but he didn't think it would matter much. The man rose, looking at The Ancient One in disbelief. "Which one is Catherine?" The Ancient One asked. One of the figures stepped forward. "You come over here," The Ancient One commanded, "but first all of you get rid of those accursed robes!"

Almost instantly the robes hit the floor. A very beautiful quite naked young woman approached The Ancient One. "Maybe that WASN'T such a good idea!" The Ancient One muttered. The girl blushed. "You Catherine," The Ancient One continued, "do not belong to me. You already belong to someone else. It is by the power of your love that I am here and able to overcome this Darkness. As for the rest of you, you have the same choice as him. A chance for eternal life, or eternal death. Choose now. I do not have time to waste on the likes of you, if you chose not to come into The Light."

One by one as The Ancient One looked down the line each person bowed their head and said "I serve you, Master!"

"Get out of here!" The Ancient One snapped. "You two, wait for Catherine and the child. You will drop her off near her home. Follow Catherine's instructions. I will contact you later when I have tasks to assign you." The Ancient One walked over and untied the girl. "Look into my eyes," The Ancient One cooed, "look deep into my eyes. You took a shortcut through the woods. You got lost. Catherine and her parents found you. That's all you will remember. Once you're in their car and on the road, that's all that has happened. You have no memory of anything else. You were frightened, but once Catherine found you, you weren't frightened any more. You two will become very good friends."

The younger girl looked to Catherine. "I'll like that," she muttered. She headed off to get her clothes.

The Ancient One turned to Catherine, who was smiling at him. "That was nasty!" she laughed, "But I don't think you could have got his attention any better way. Will you share a secret with me?" she asked.

"What secret?" The Ancient One inquired.

"You have another form," Catherine answered. "I have a feeling someday I may need you. Let me know who I might call."

The Ancient One leaned over and whispered in her ear a secret very few living people knew.

"I've HEARD you!" Catherine whispered. The Ancient One put his finger to her lips.

"I must go now," he uttered. "Be well, be prosperous." He sped out the door and winged skyward. "Til we meet again!" he laughed, "For someday we shall meet again."

THE END

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